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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2003, Applicants submit the election set forth below.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action. Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including August 24, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached to cover the one-month extension of time fee for a small entity.

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